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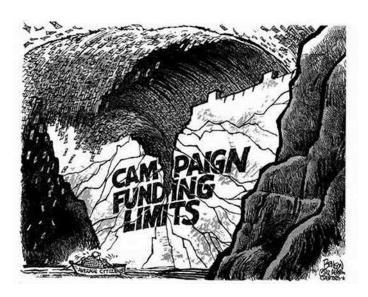
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Republicans Pull the Curtain Closed on Campaign Finance Reporting

MADISON – Rep. Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statement regarding today's Assembly action on legislation decimating Wisconsin's campaign finance laws.

"After hours of debate on this bill, I am still eagerly awaiting one of my Republicans colleagues to articulate how enabling unlimited, anonymous money flowing into our political campaigns will make our elections more 'transparent and accessible'. Wisconsin's reputation as a clean and open government leader is in a total free fall.

"It is a complete and utter disgrace that on the last day of the 2015 session the majority is putting the priority on feathering their own nests, instead of addressing meaningful issues like the declining quality of our drinking water or the continued exodus of businesses and jobs from our state.

"The Legislature's fall agenda has been derided by editorial boards statewide and soundly rejected by the public. Wisconsinites know that Republicans have been totally disinterested in taking any meaningful steps to address the real issues and are only concerned about themselves. The dismantling of Wisconsin's campaign finance laws are a direct response to a bunch of politicians worried about getting thrown out of office for failing to do their jobs."

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